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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 9422

SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: WINNING CANDIDATES IN BA XUYEN

REF: SAIGON 7603; SAIGON 8639

1. REFTEL REPORTED ON CANDIDATES COMPETINGMHOR BA XUYEN'S TWO VIETNAMESE AND ONE CAMBODIAN LOWER HOUSE SEATS.

2. THE TWO WINNING VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES:

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A. NGUYEN DAC DAN, 12,260 VOTES. BRON IN 1935 IN AN GIANG. CATHOLIC. ARVN CAPTAIN. WAS A SURPRISE WINNER IN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS LAST YEAR, AND IS ONE OF SMALL NUMBER OF DELTA CA DELEGATES TO WIN LOWER HOUSE SEATS. MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH PROVINCE AFTER CA ELECTION, AND THIS PROBABLY IMPORTANT FACTOR

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IN VICTORY AS OTHER CA DELEGATES WERE FREQUENTLY ACCUSED OF IGNORING CONSTITUENTS IN FAVOR OF "GOOD LIFE" IN SAIGON.

B. TRAN DUY TU, 12, 171 VOTES. BRON 1934 IN PHU YEN. BUDDHIST. ARVN MEDICAL CAPTAIN. NO PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE.

3. WINNING CAMBODIAN CANDIDATE:

TANG BA XUAN, 14,157 VOTES. BRON 1928 IN BAC LIEU. BUDDHIST. ARVN MAJOR WHO PRIOR TO ELECTION WAS DEPUTY FOR CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS FOR IV CORPS.

4. MAIN SURPRISE OF BA XUYEN CAMPAIGN WAS DEFEAT OF

LT. COL. PHAM VAN UT (SEE REFTEL A). UT WAS WIDELY FELT TO HAVE BEEN STRONGEST CONTENDER, WITH SUFFICIENT FUNDS AND CONNECTIONS IN PROVINCE TO WIN EASILY. WAS NOT IMPRESSIVE CAMPAIGNER, HOWEVER, AND THIS COMBINED WITH POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION TO "ESTABLISHMENT" CANDIDATE MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO DEFEAT. BUNKER

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